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Subject: CALFED Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation, Central Valley Project, Shasta County, California

Dear Chairperson:

This letter is to invite the Pit River Tribe leadership, along with the leadership of the Redding, and Colusa Rancherias, and Bureau of Indian Affairs staff, to a briefing on the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation (SLWRI). The purpose of the briefing is to share information about the SLWRI with Federally recognized tribes in the vicinity of Shasta Lake and the Sacramento River. Possible dates for the 11:00 a.m. briefing, to be held in Redding, California, are Tuesday, October 14; Wednesday, October 15; or Friday, October 17.

The purpose of the SLWRI is to develop an implementable plan primarily involving the modification of Shasta Dam and Reservoir to promote increased survival of anadromous fish populations in the upper Sacramento River and increased water supply reliability. The SLWRI is authorized under Public Law 96-375 and included in the CALFED Record of Decision as a potential surface storage project to be pursued with project-specific study.

Mr. Frank Perniciaro, Reclamation's Native American Affairs Program Manager, will contact you to coordinate scheduling a briefing for one of the above-mentioned dates. See enclosed draft agenda. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Perniciaro at 916-978-5113, TDD 916-978-5608, or by e-mail at fperniciaro@mp.usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation Meeting Date to be Determined Redding, CA

11:00 a.m.

PROPOSED AGENDA

Introductions
Tribal opening statements
Tribal requests for additions to agenda
SLWRI Overview
Tribal involvement and outreach
Requirement to evaluate impacts to Indian trust assets and formal consultation.
SLWRI Schedule
Date for next tribal briefing
Tribal closing comments
Adjourn